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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
 RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 6563

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): LaVon, et al. Confirmation No. 4421

Serial No.: 08/828,005 Group Art Unit: 3761

Date Filed: March 27, 1997 Examiner: Karin M. Reichle

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING REMOVABLE COMPONENTS

- No additional fee is known to be required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	Fee
TOTAL	* 19	MINUS	** 27	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEP.	* 1	MINUS	*** 3	= 0	x \$84 =	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 =	\$0.00
					TOTAL	\$0.00

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$930.00 for a three-month extension of time.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

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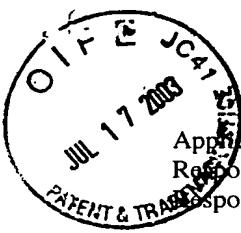
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action mailed on 15 January 2003, further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is hereby respectfully requested.

Please amend the **specification** according to the changes beginning on page **2** of this paper.

Please amend the **claims** according to the entire set of pending claims beginning on page **9** of this paper.

Please review and approve the amendments to the drawing figures described beginning on page **13** of this paper and shown on the attached annotated sheets showing proposed changes.

Please consider the **remarks and arguments** beginning on page **19** of this paper.